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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: | Brown et al. |
| Application No.: | 09/599,674 |
| Filed: | June 22, 2000 |
| For: | Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent |
| Examiner: | Paul P. Prebilic |
| Group Art Unit: | 3738 |

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No.: S63.2-9216

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

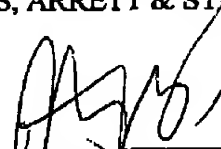
Petitioners, SciMed Life Systems, Inc., hereby request a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2001.

The fee for an extension should be charged to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: May 20, 2002

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